

News Release

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For Immediate Release

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will re-open a portion of the Gerber Campground in time for Memorial Day weekend. The South Campground and boat ramp are expected to open Thursday May 25th. Due to construction delays the North Campground is not expected to re-open this season. This will mean a 50% reduction in the usual number of available campsites. The North boat ramp will be accessible to boaters and fisherman, however parking will be limited. Officials are hoping that new water lines will be operational by the weekend. Visitors are strongly encouraged to bring an adequate water supply with them, in the event that there is no potable water at the South campground or North boat ramp.

The popular site is located along Gerber Reservoir, 42 miles east of Klamath Falls. The area is managed by the BLM, who initiated several campground improvements last fall. Construction delays have impeded safe use of the area by the public until now. Outdoor Recreation Planner, Scott Senter, states "We are frustrated about the delays. Our goal is to better accommodate the public. When the improvements are complete we think people will be happy with the results". Once construction is complete the public will benefit from the improvements which include new water lines, lighting in bathrooms, and two new fish cleaning stations. "There are several other primitive sites in the vicinity", says Mr. Senter. Sites include Miller Creek, Stan H Spring, and the Potholes. These primitive sites each have a single picnic table, fire grate, and toilet. Visitors are also encouraged to use campgrounds on the adjacent Fremont, Winema, and Modoc National Forests. For more information, please contact the Klamath Falls BLM office at 883-6916, Mon-Fri, 8am-5pm. Ask for Kelly Hollums or Scott Senter.

Alternative Camping Sites for Memorial Day :

Winema Nat'l Forest, Klamath Ranger District Contact Jeanie Sheehan (541)885-3400, M-F
Aspen Point & Sunset Campgrounds \$12/night; fire grates; water; flush toilets. Day Use \$4
Williamson River Campground \$6/night; vaulted toilets.

Modoc Nat'l Forest, Goosenest Ranger District Contact Dana Patterson (530)398-4391, M-F
Juanita Lake Campground \$10/night; fire grates; water; vaulted toilets. Free day use fishing area.
Shafter Campground \$6/night; fire grates; water; vaulted toilets.

Rogue River Nat'l Forest, Ashland Ranger District Contact Maria (541)482-3333, M-F.
Fish Lake & Doe Point Campgrounds \$12/night; fire grates; water; flush toilets.

Fremont Nat'l Forest, Bly Ranger District Contact Rena or Teresa (541)353-2709